

[27 February, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

- (iii) Copy in continuation of this office endt. No. 221 of even file dated 09.02.2001 to the Chief General Manager, DBOD, RBI, CO, Mumbai. He may kindly issue necessary instructions in respect of paragraph 2(c) for delegation of necessary powers to the Regional Director in the matter.

Copy also forwarded to:

- (iv) The Chief General Manager, Urban Banks Dept. RBI, CO, Garment House, Worli, Mumbai 400 018, for examining applicability of the instructions to Urban Banks in Gujarat.
- (v) The Chief General Manager, NABARD, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai 400 051, for examining applicability of the instructions to Cooperative Sector (SCB/DCCBs).
- (vi) The Chief General Manager, IECD, RBI, CO, Mumbai for necessary action on areas relating to housing loans.
- (vii) The Chairman, Indian Banks Association, Stadium House, Block 2 & 3, 6th floor, 81—83, Veer Nariman Road, Mumbai 400 020.
- (viii) The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Economic Affairs (Banking Divn.), Jeevan Deep, Parliament Street, New Delhi.
- (ix) The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agri. and Co-operation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
- (x) Planning / PLNFS / SP Section.

(Ms. J.M. Jivani)

Deputy General Manager

Recovery of Tax

638. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 221

and 1655 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July and 5th December, 2000 respectively and state:

(a) whether in view of the requirement to finance the post-quake relief and reconstruction expenditure in Gujarat, Government are taking and special time-bound action plan to recover a part of outstanding amount of Rs. 62,392 crore as on 31st March, 2000;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total outstanding amount for which there are no disputes;

(d) the amount to be recovered from 100 top tax defaulters as on 31st March, 2000; and

(e) how much of this amount is disputed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) No time limit can be fixed for recovery of dues for cases which are under dispute, as the assessee generally do not pay up the confirmed demands of taxes considered due by Department, until they exhaust all legal remedies. However, special measures are being taken to get stays vacated or cases heard by filing urgent hearing petitions in Supreme Court/High Courts and Appellate Tribunals, for deciding the cases on priority basis. Cases involving substantial revenue are being specially monitored for final urgent decision, so that where dues are finally held payable, recoveries could be effected. In respect of undisputed outstanding amounts, all-out efforts are being made by jurisdictional officers to realise the same.

(c) The total outstanding amount of excise duty and customs duty as on 31.3.2000, in respect of which there is no legal dispute, is Rs. 1411.39 crore & Rs. 553.27 crore, respectively.

(d) The amount to be recovered from 100 top tax defaulters as on 31.3.2000, is Rs. 23,199 crore.

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.